

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS
CERTIFICATION TESTING CRITERIA

ROPE RESCUE

TEST FORMAT:

- A. The candidate self-evacuates from a chair stopped no more than fifteen feet off the ground.
- B. Some six feet before reaching the ground, the candidate stops and demonstrates the use of a foot Prusik to take weight completely off the brake device, then resumes descent to the ground.
- C. Using the equipment he/she is familiar with, the candidate evacuates a skier occupying same parked chair he/she just self-evacuated from.
Note: A precautionary belay rope for tower climbing is MANDATORY. The examiner belays from ground through runner fastened to highest secure point on crossarm.
- D. The candidate sets up a mock cliff rescue/belay situation using an assistant as the belayed patroller descends to the stranded skier. Candidate must show assistant how to tie skier in and belay both back up slope.

BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **ASSOCIATE** STATUS:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic knots: figure eight, ring-bend, bowline, fisherman's Prusik.
2. Complete A thru D successfully, without attempting any maneuvers which would put himself or "skier" at risk.

ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **CERTIFIED** STATUS:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of above knots, plus acceptable substitutes.
2. Completes all maneuvers in a time frame that is brief, due to competent efficiency rather than haste.
3. Candidate can at any point demonstrate knowledge of more than one technique, i.e., brake systems, evac harnesses, tie-in knots, etc.
4. Candidate's mock belay setup is in accordance with standard mountaineering practice, and belaying and rope handling are unhesitating, instinctive and flawless.

NOTE: This test carries with it some potential risk to candidates and assistants. If the hawk-like vigilance of the judges stops a potentially disastrous error, the candidate will automatically receive a Sustaining score. It is requested for safety reasons that candidates do not take this test until they are ready for it.